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TAGS: OVIP (CHRISTOPHER, WARREN)  
SUBJECT: VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY

REF: STATE 164515

1. WE BELIEVE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOULD MEET INDIAN AND AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS ON REPEAT ON THE RECORD. IT SEEMS IMPORTANT THAT THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO VISIT INDIA TAKE THIS POSTURE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN APPROACH OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT HERE. WE WILL TRANSMIT IN ANOTHER MESSAGE SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS.

2. SINCE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL VISIT DELHI FOR ONLY ONE DAY, AND SINCE THERE ARE NO EVENING PAPERS OF CONSEQUENCE IN INDIA, WE BELIEVE HIS MAJOR MEDIA IMPACT WILL COME FROM HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE TOAST. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS WOULD BE OVERSHADOWED BY HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE PROPOSE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT BE USED ONLY IF CORRESPONDENTS ARE PRESENT WHEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REACHES NEW DELHI; ALSO SUCH A STATEMENT SHOULD BE SIMPLE AND BRIEF. WE WILL TRANSMIT A SUGGESTED TEXT IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. SINCE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL BE MEETING THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS LUNCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, WE DO NOT  
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BELIEVE A DEPARTURE STATEMENT NECESSARY.

3. THE APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR A TOAST WOULD BE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LUNCH. SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT ATTEND THE AMBASSADOR'S DINNER WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO AVOID TOASTS ON THAT OCCASION. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT TOASTS MIGHT BE EXCHANGED AT LUNCH AND IT WILL PROPOSE THIS

TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. WE WILL PREPARE A DRAFT AND TRANSMIT IT IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

4. WE BELIEVE A PRE-TRIP BACKGROUNDER FOR INDIAN JOURNALISTS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA. SUCH A BACKGROUNDER COULD BE USED TO ADD TO THE THEME OF US RESPECT FOR INDIAN DEMOCRACY BY SETTING FORTH THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE USG ATTACHES TO SOUTH ASIA AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH THE US RECOGNIZES INDIA PLAYS IN SOUTH ASIA. FOR THIS PURPOSE WE RECOMMEND THE THEMES IN THE DUBS AND ATHERTON STATEMENTS (NEW DELHI 9941). SUCH A BACKGROUNDER WOULD HELP OFFSET THE IMPRESSION IN SOME QUARTERS HERE THAT THE OMISSION OF MENTION OF SOUTH ASIA IN THE SECRETARY'S ASIA SPEECH WAS AN INDICATION OF LACK OF US INTEREST IN THIS REGION. SIMILARLY A FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH THE INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS AFTER THE TRIP COULD BE MOST USEFUL. IF A PRE-VISIT BACKGROUNDER IS GIVEN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ITS CONTENTS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.  
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